

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE
JOB SPECIFICATION

FISHERIES ASSISTANT

JOB DESCRIPTION

Employees in this job perform a variety of fisheries' support activities at state hatcheries, research facilities, district offices, and ports, under the guidance of professional and technical staff.

There are two classifications in this job.

Position Code Title – Fisheries Assistant-E

Fisheries Assistant 6

This is the intermediate level. The employee works in a learning capacity performing a range of fisheries assistant assignments under close supervision.

Fisheries Assistant E7

This is the experienced level. The employee performs a range of fisheries assistant assignments and routinely uses limited judgment in making decisions involving the application of methods and procedures. Guidance and directions are generally available as needed.

NOTE: Employees generally progress through this series to the experienced-level based on satisfactory performance and possession of the required experience.

JOB DUTIES

NOTE: The job duties listed are typical examples of the work performed by positions in this job classification. Not all duties assigned to every position are included, nor is it expected that all positions will be assigned every duty.

Participates in creel census.

Participates in the hatchery rearing of fish under technical direction: cleans tanks, applies chemical treatments, monitors and controls rearing environments, and carries out feeding activities.

Partakes in the extraction and collection of spawn from fish, including removal of damaged eggs during incubation.

Treats diseased fish by applying predetermined treatments.

Records air and water temperature readings in logs.

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Assists technical staff in the loading and transporting of fish to planting sites.

Performs general maintenance assignments such as mowing lawns, shoveling snow, disinfecting equipment, and cleaning fish tank screens of algae and other debris.

Unloads feed and other supplies from delivery trucks.

Handles and rigs fishing gear on vessels, and operates associated deck equipment on Great Lakes vessels.

Cleans, paints, and maintains vessel hull and superstructure of Great Lakes vessels.

Cleans and maintains galley, heads, pilothouse, and living quarters at Great Lakes stations.

Performs related work appropriate to the classification as assigned.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

NOTE: Developing knowledge is necessary at the intermediate level and considerable knowledge is required at the experienced level.

Knowledge of the identifiable characteristics of fish commonly found in Michigan waters.

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Ability to comprehend and carry out oral and written instructions.

Ability to record and maintain data.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Ability to maintain favorable public relations.

Working Conditions

Some jobs involve exposure to unpleasant levels of dust, dirt, and dampness.

Some jobs require an employee to work in an environment that involves exposure to unpleasant and noxious fumes and odors.

Some jobs may require an employee to drive facility vehicles.

Some jobs require an employee to work outdoors and boats as well as in an office or a laboratory.

Physical Requirements

Some jobs may require an employee to unload supplies from delivery trucks.

The job duties require an employee to lift and move heavy objects.

Education

Educational level typically acquired through completion of high school.

Experience

Fisheries Assistant 6

No specific type or amount of experience is required.

Fisheries Assistant E7

One year of experience as a fisheries assistant.

Special Requirements, Licenses, and Certifications

Some positions within this class series are assigned job duties that may require possession of the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) issued by the Secretary of State as required by Public Act 346 of 1988 to operate a designated state vehicle.

NOTE: Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

JOB CODE, POSITION TITLES AND CODES, AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Job Code

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Job Code Description

Fisheries Assistant

Position Title

Fisheries Assistant-E

Position Code

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Pay Schedule

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